

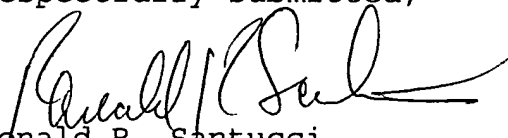
44. (Amended) The vessel in accordance with claim 43 wherein said coating material is taken from the group consisting essentially of: polyvinyl chloride, polyurethane, synthetic and natural rubbers, polyureas, polyolefins, silicone polymers, acrylic polymers or foam derivatives thereof.

Remarks

Consideration of the application as preliminarily amended is respectfully requested. The specification and claims have been amended in order to address clerical errors. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, an early examination of the application is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 501145, Order No. 2126-165.

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For example, currently an icecap harvester intends to use tankers having [150] 150,000 ton capacity to transport fresh water. Obviously, this involves, not only the cost involved in using such a transport vehicle, but the added expense of its return trip, unloaded, to pick up fresh cargo. Flexible container vessels, when emptied can be collapsed and stored on, for example, the tugboat that pulled it to the unloading point, reducing the expense in this regard.

APPENDIX: (cont.)

8. (Amended) The vessel in accordance with claim [2] 7 which includes at a plurality of said circumferential stiffening beams.

44. (Amended) The vessel in accordance with claim [42] 43 wherein said coating material is taken from the group consisting essentially of: polyvinyl chloride, polyurethane, synthetic and natural rubbers, polyureas, polyolefins, silicone polymers, acrylic polymers or foam derivatives thereof.

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